

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Every day, I meet more people who refuse to watch, listen, or read local or regional sources because they are fed up with biased, tainted news that is being pushed through by a small group of self-interested companies. It is embarrassing to read so many of our newspapers or watch/listen to the news when it is so filtered through to meet what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need to be truly informed citizens who think independently. Our great land of freedom is turning into a land of sheep walking with our head down following the ideas and thoughts of non-human, self-absorbed thoughts of a few corporations. This is a disgrace and it reflects horribly at the institutions like the FCC who are able to make the crucial decisions to do something about this.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.